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SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING VISIT TO
BAHRAINI DETAINEES IN GUANTANAMO

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[1](#)1. (SBU) As mentioned during the Ambassador's August 30
meeting with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr.
Mohammed Abdul Ghaffar (septel), the Embassy received the
following diplomatic note August 30.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Begin Text of Diplomatic Note MOS-140 Dated August
30, 2004:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain
presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States
of America and has the honour to refer to the ongoing
discussions between the two governments concerning the status
of six Bahraini detainees held by the United States at
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In this regard, the Ministry requests that a team from
Bahrain's Ministry of the Interior and National Security
Agency be permitted to undertake a further visit to the six
Bahraini detainees to determine their continued health and
welfare, and that parents and/or nominated close family
members be permitted to accompany the delegation and to visit
their relatives. The Ministry understands that certain
detainees of other nationalities have met with family members
and requests that, on humanitarian grounds, the Bahraini
detainees be afforded the same opportunity.

Finally, and in light of recent decisions of, and proceedings
in, the United States Courts, the Ministry requests that the
United States Government take expeditious steps towards
releasing the detainees, and assures the Embassy that the
Government of Bahrain stands ready to make the necessary
arrangements for the release and repatriation of the
detainees.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain
avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of
the United States of America the assurances of its highest
consideration.

End Text of Diplomatic Note.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Abdul Ghaffar stated that Bahrain's Ambassador in
Washington Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa would follow up
on the diplomatic note at State and DOD.

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